

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement drawing sheets makes changes to Fig. 3 and replaces the original sheets with Figs. 3-4.

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REMARKS

Claims 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, and 37 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Fig. 3 is amended and claims 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, and 38 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, and 37 are allowed.

In the Office Action, Fig. 3 is object to. By this Amendment, Fig. 3 is revised to include a "Conventional Art" label to address the concerns raised in the Office Action. This is consistent with the description of Fig. 3. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Regarding the maintained election requirement, Applicant continues to disagree with the Patent Office position and maintains that PCT Unity of Invention Rules 13.1 and 13.2 (set forth in MPEP §1850) have not fully been addressed as the Quayle Action continues to fail to rebut Applicant's argument that there is a common "special technical feature" that defines a contribution which each of the inventions considered as a whole makes over the prior art. Nonetheless, to expedite allowance, Applicant cancels the non-elected claims.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, and 37 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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